

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Financial Services Modernization Act Conference Report.

Senate and House passed H.J. Res. 75, Continuing Appropriations.

House agreed to the conference report on S. 900, Gramm, Leach, Bliley Act—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13871–S14049

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1851–1866, S.J. Res. 37, and S. Res. 220. **Pages S13971–72**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
H.R. 100, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

H.R. 197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the “Clifford R. Hope Post Office”.

H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges.

H.R. 1191, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois.

H.R. 1251, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the “Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1327, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the “Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office”.

H.R. 1377, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “John J. Buchanan Post Office Building”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact.

H. Con. Res. 141, celebrating One America.

S. Res. 118, designating December 12, 1999, as “National Children’s Memorial Day”.

S. 276, for the relief of Sergio Lozano, Faurico Lozano and Ana Lozano, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 302, for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian.

S. 1019, for the relief of Regine Beatie Edwards.

S. 1295, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the “Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office”.

S. 1418, to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

S. 1809, to improve service systems for individuals with developmental disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13968**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13925**

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System: Senate passed S. 1866, to redesignate the Coastal Barrier Resources System as the “John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System”. **Pages S14005–07**

Denying Safe Havens to International and War Criminals Act: Senate passed S. 1754, entitled the “Denying Safe Havens to International and War Criminals Act of 1999”, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S14007–13

Grassley (for Leahy/Hatch) Amendment No. 2510, to make certain technical amendments.

Pages S14009–11

Native Hawaiian Housing Assistance: Senate passed S. 225, to provide Federal housing assistance to Native Hawaiians, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S14014–30

Grassley (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2511, to make certain revisions.

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American Indian Education Foundation: Senate passed S. 1290, to amend title 36 of the United States Code to establish the American Indian Education Foundation.

Pages S14030–31

Indian Water Rights: Senate passed S. 438, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S14031–36

Grassley (for Burns/Baucus) Amendment No. 2512, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S14031–32

Serbia Democratization Act: Senate passed S. 720, to promote the development of a government in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) based on democratic principles and the rule of law, and that respects internationally recognized human rights, to assist the victims of Serbian oppression, to apply measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S14036–45

Freedom to E-File Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 777, to require the Department of Agriculture to establish an electronic filing and retrieval system to enable the public to file all required paperwork electronically with the Department and to have access to public information on farm programs, quarterly trade, economic, and production reports, and other similar information, and the bill was then passed after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S14045–46

Grassley (for Fitzgerald) Amendment No. 2513, in the nature of a substitute.

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Immigration and Nationality Act Amendment: Senate passed S. 1753, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act.

Pages S14046–47

Commending Eglin Air Force Base Personnel: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 185, recognizing and

commending the personnel of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, for their participation and efforts in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Operation Allied Force in the Balkan Region, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 1455, to enhance protections against fraud in the offering of financial assistance for college education, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S14047–49

House Child Care Center Enrollment: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3122, to permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate considered S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, agreeing to committee amendments by unanimous consent.

Pages S13929–67

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto.

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A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the disposition of all amendments, the bill be advanced to third reading, that the Senate proceed to H.R. 833, House companion measure, that the Senate strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the text of S. 625, as amended, and the House bill, as amended, be read for a third time and passed, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and S. 625 be placed back on the Senate calendar.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, November 5, 1999.

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Financial Services Modernization Conference Report: By 90 yeas to 8 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 354), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers.

Pages S13871–81, S13883–S13917

Swearing In of Senator Chafee: Senator Lincoln D. Chafee, of Rhode Island, was sworn in to fill the unexpired term, ending January 3, 2001, caused by the death of Senator John H. Chafee.

Pages S13881–83

Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 468, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public. **Pages S14013–14**

Messages From the House: **Page S13967**

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Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S13968–71**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S13972–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S13984–85**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S13986–90**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S13990–91**

Additional Statements: **Pages S13991–94**

Text of S. 976, as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—354) **Page S13917**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, November 5, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14049.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine stem cell research funding issues, focusing on the National Bioethics Advisory Commission report "Ethical Issues in Human Stem Cell Research"; after receiving testimony from Senator Thurmond; Representative Dickey; Frank E. Young, Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., former Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; and James F. Childress, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, on behalf of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Alphonso Maldon, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Force Management Policy, and John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Maldon was introduced by Senator

Robb, and Mr. Veroneau was introduced by Senator Snowe.

LOCAL PHONE COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on local voice and data marketplace competition, examining how to increase consumer choice in local telephone markets, after receiving testimony from Royce J. Holland, Allegiance Telecom, Inc., Dallas, Texas; Charles S. Houser, TriVergent Communications, Inc., Greenville, South Carolina; Roy Neel, United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C.; Daniel O. Pegg, Leap Wireless International, Inc., San Diego, California; and Rick Tidwell, Birch Telecom, Inc., Emporia, Kansas.

CHECHNYA CONFLICT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the conflict in Chechnya and its implications for United States relations with Russia, after receiving testimony from Stephen R. Sestanovich, Ambassador at Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Elena Bonner, Andrei Sakharov Foundation, Brookline, Massachusetts; and Paul A. Goble, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Washington, D.C.

U.S./NIGERIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on United States relations with Nigeria, focusing on Nigeria's transition to civilian rule, democracy, and human rights, after receiving testimony from Thomas Pickering, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Jean Herskovits, State University of New York at Purchase, New York; Adotei Akwei, Amnesty International, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 276, for the relief of Sergio Lozano, Faurico Lozano and Ana Lozano, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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